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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM BY THE GERMAN DELEGATION

ON THE EXPORT TO THE USSR OF LITHIUM ALUMINIUM HYDRIDE

The German authorities have received an application to license a shipment to the Soviet Union of

100 kg lithium aluminium hydride,
covered by Item 35 of the Atomic Energy List,
valued at \$ 3708.

The material is the same as mentioned in COCOM Documents 3315, 3389, 3554, 3664, 3812 and CH/1538. It will be used as reducing agent in the production of pharmaceutical products.

It is extremely difficult to use this compound as source for lithium metal on account of its high percentage of aluminium, such a process would also be very uneconomical since there are sufficient natural resources of lithium bearing minerals.

The German Delegation would like to mention the fact that the above material will be shipped together with 54 other kinds of laboratory chemicals, not covered by the International Lists or by the Atomic Energy List.

The German Delegation submit the case as an ad hoc request and trust that in view of the foregoing and the civilian end-use no objection will be raised against the shipment. The German Delegation would appreciate hearing the views of Governments by June 1st, 1960.

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